

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

FENCE CREEK CATTLE COMPANY, an
Oregon Partnership; GAZELLE LAND AND
TIMBER, LLC, an Oregon Limited Liability
Company; KING WILLIAMS; and
MICHAEL G. SMITH

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, an
agency of the United States; MARY
DEAGUERO, in her official capacity as
District Ranger, Eagle Cap-HCNRA District,
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest; and
BARBARA WALKER, in her official
capacity as District Ranger, Wallowa Valley
District, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest,

Defendants.

ORDER

Civil No. 06-1236-SU

HAGGERTY, Chief Judge:

Magistrate Judge Sullivan referred to this court a Findings and Recommendation [32] in this matter. The Findings and Recommendation recommends granting the defendants motion for

summary judgment as to all plaintiffs except Fence Creek Cattle Company. Defendants filed timely objections, and plaintiffs filed a response to those objections.

When a party objects to any portion of a Findings and Recommendation, the district court must conduct a de novo review. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach. Inc.*, 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Here, the court has performed a de novo review, evaluated the Findings and Recommendation, the objections, and the entire record. The court rejects defendants first objection and agrees with Judge Sullivan's finding that the powers of attorney executed by the Agars were sufficient to authorize Williams and Smith to wind up the affairs of the partnership. Defendant's second objection is also rejected because it presents a joinder request specifically disavowed in briefing before Judge Sullivan.

The court adopts the Findings and Recommendation [32]. Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment [18] is GRANTED with respect to plaintiffs Gazelle Land and Timber, LLC, King Williams, and Michael G. Smith, and DENIED as to Fence Creek Cattle Company.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 7 day of January, 2008.

/s/ Ancer L. Haggerty
Ancer L. Haggerty
United States District Judge